

## **ABSTRACT**

### **STENT WITH NESTED FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS FOR FLEXIBILITY AND CRIMPABILITY**

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at least one second connector. The first and second connectors connect the two  
serpentine bands together. The first connector and the second each have at least a first  
portion of a first curvature and a second portion of a second curvature. The second  
portion being more flexible than the first portion. The first and second connectors are  
10 adjacent one another and the first portion of the first connector nests within the second  
portion of the second connector and the second portion of the second connector nests  
within the first portion of the first connector.